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1. THE BLUE SAINTS BIG BAND, WHOSE FIRST THREE EUROPEAN CONCERTS WERE ARRANGED BY USIS/GERMANY, ARE A GROUP OF UNUSUAL ABILITY. THEIR MUSICIANSHIP, AND THE COMPLEXITY AND VARIETY OF THEIR STYLES EVOKED A VERY ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE FROM AN AUDIENCE OF APPROXIMATELY 1,000 AT A JULY 2 CONCERT IN FRONT OF BONN'S CITY HALL. THE GROUP WAS VERY WELL RECEIVED AT BICENTENNIAL AFFAIRS IN BAD GODESBERG JULY 2 AND MUENSTER JULY 1.

2. IN THANKING THE GROUP, BONN'S CULTURAL REPRESENTATIVE KARL-HEINZ GNEISSE SAID: "THIS WAS ONE OF THE MOST ENJOYABLE MUSICAL EVENTS WE HAVE HAD HERE FOR SOME TIME." BONN'S DAILY GENERAL-ANZEIGER PRAISED THE SAINTS' "GREAT ENTHUSIASM AND OUTSTANDING MUSICAL TALENTS." GNEISSE ASSURED THE BAND THAT IT WOULD BE WELCOME AGAIN IN BONN "AT ANY TIME."

3. THE GROUP'S BACKGROUND IS SCANTILY GIVEN IN ITS PUBLICITY MATERIAL. IT IS, IN FACT, COMPOSED OF MEMBERS
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OF AN EXPLORER POST FROM THE PALO ALTO AREA, LED FOR THE

PAST EIGHT YEARS BY A LOCAL MEDICAL DOCTOR, H.M. UPTON. THE TRAVELING GROUP INCLUDES YOUNGSTERS WHO HAVE BEEN MEMBERS FOR FOUR TO FIVE YEARS, AND THREE TEENAGED FEMALE VOCALISTS. THE CU/ARTS' EVALUATION OF "OUT-STANDING" SEEMS FULLY JUSTIFIED. THE GROUP PERFORMS AT A PROFESSIONAL LEVEL, BUT AS A YOUNG AMATEUR GROUP, IS A DELIGHT TO WORK WITH.

4. FOLLOWING IS THE REMAINING EUROPEAN SCHEDULE OF THE BLUE SAINTS.

JULY 7 IZEGEM/BELGIUM; 8 ALLE SUR SEMOIS/BELGIUM;
9 ARRAS/France; 10 DOUAI/France; 11 AUXERRE/France;
12 AVIGNON/France; 13 ORENCE/France; 14 ANTIBES/France;
15 CANNES/France; 16 MENTON/France; 17 MONACO;
18 BERN/SWITZERLAND; 19 HEIDELBERG/GERMANY;
20 DORTMUND/GERMANY; 21 ESSEN/GERMANY; 22 DORSTEN/
GERMANY; 23 MARL/GERMANY; 24 GELSENKIRCHEN/GERMANY;
25 HERNE/GERMANY; 26 ERMELO ARMY BASE/NETHERLANDS;
27 DEP AMSTERDAM.
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